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In one of the country towns of Massachusetts, there lived some years since an old lady who is chiefly noted for her constant attendance at church, and her exceeding reverence for the minister. In her eyes, a minister was an embodiment of perfection—a something between man and angels

It was a proud day for the old lady when Parson D came to drink tea with her Very nicely was the table spread and very tempting it looked with the golden butter and light rolls and old fashioned pumpkin pie which garnished it

The old lady took her seat, and commenced pouring out the tea It was the custom in those days to sweeten with molasses instead of sugar The old lady began to pour in the "sweetening" but showed no inclination to stop our when the minister became alarmed exclaimed—

"There's plenty, good lady, a great plenty But the old lady did not stop

"Can't be too sweet for a minister! Can't be too sweet for a minister" said she, as with much complacency she continued to pour in the molasses

Further remonstrance was useless and the Parson was compelled to digest the sweetened beverage as best he might

Le Remorquant — M Deschamps a celebrated French aeronaut was killed by the fall of a balloon near Nismes on the 28th of November last It was his second ascension from the Roman Amphitheatre The Courrier du Midi, a leading Journal of those parts, gives the following startling details the truth of which it guarantees

M Deschamps although a religious man, believed in the efficacy of a talisman which, for years, he had worn upon his person This talisman was a piece of yellow cord He often said to his wife and friends As long as I have this lemp cord in my pocket, I need fear nothing, but I shall meet with an accident if ever I should forget to take it The superstitious aeronaut had made one hundred and sixty successful ascensions with his talisman and by a singular coincidence, on this fatal occasion he forgot to take with him the fragment of rope to which he attributed such miraculous virtues

It is said that some of the greatest cooks of ancient Greece carried their art to such perfection that they were able to serve up a whole pig boiled on one side, and roasted on the other, and stuffed besides, though without a visible mark of the knife upon it The inventor of this feat was cruel enough to keep the process secret a whole year At length it was revealed that he had bled the animal to death by a very small wound under the shoulder, by which he had also extracted the entrails piecemeal that he forced the stuffing down the throat and that by means of barley paste he had prevented the roasting on one side, having boiled it afterwards It is said also of these Greek cooks, that by their saltings, pickelings, and fryings, they could actually make a turnip pass for any kind of fish or flesh they chose — *Ath Lve Jour*

The Cost of Kissing in Old Times —In 1650 a trial took place in Connecticut under the section of Black Laws prohibiting kissing The offenders were Sarah Tuttle and Jacob Newlies It appears that Sarah dropped her gloves and Jacob found them When Sarah asked for them Jacob demanded a kiss for his pay; and as the demand did not seem to Sarah extravagant, she adjusted it forthwith, the facts were clearly proved and the parties were fined twenty shillings

LEMON PIES—A lady tells the agricultural lot how to make four lemon pies Grate the peels of four lemons, and squeeze the juice into the grated peel Then take nine eggs, leaving out half of the whites, one pound of loaf or white sugar, half a pound of butter, one pint of cream or of milk, and four tablespoonfuls of rose-water, and beat them well together, and add the lemon Divide into four pies, with under crust, and bake.